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1. In their efforts to secure 10,000 tons of sulphuric acid, the Administrations for Light Industry and Chemistry have negotiated with fifteen countries; however, most of the countries approached were unable to supply adequate quantities, while the price quoted by a few, such as Switzerland and Italy, was considered too high.
2. By the middle of December 1948, only the following agreements for the delivery of sulphuric acid had been reached:

Norway	400 tons	(barter agreement)
Netherlands	500 tons	(as part of trade agreements)
Hungary	2000 tons	(as part of trade agreements)
Sweden	20 tons	(as part of trade agreements)

In addition, Sweden expected to be able to deliver additional quantities of sulphuric acid at a later date, i.e., in about three to four months.

3. The Departments of Light Industry and Chemistry came to the conclusion that the import quota of 10,000 tons of sulphuric acid could be reached only if commitments in foreign currency could be

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